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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]

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Executive Secretary
United States Intelligence Board

SUBJECT: USIB Studies Affecting Intelligence Programs

REFERENCE: USIB memorandum dated 25 March 1968, same subject

In response to the referenced memorandum, the following is submitted:

1. Report prepared for submission to USIB by the NIS Committee since 1 July 1967:
 - a. An NIS Coverage Plan which identifies basic intelligence requirements for the NIS was developed by the NIS Committee to replace the more limited 2-year production forecast formerly submitted each year to USIB.
 - b. The plan establishes area priorities for NIS General Survey coverage, specifies for each NIS area the supplemental topical coverage required over and above that contained in the General Survey, and thus provides participating agencies a long-range production programming guide.
 - c. The plan was originated by the NIS Committee.
 - d. The Chairman of the NIS Committee presented the concept of the plan to the Committee in December 1967.
 - e. The plan was approved by the NIS Committee for submission to USIB on 7 March 1968.
 - f. The plan was approved as amended by USIB on 11 April 1968.

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2. Requirements and program guidance to member agencies:

In addition to carrying out its responsibilities to USIB in providing policy direction for the NIS Program, the NIS Committee provides guidance to member agencies and other NIS participating components as follows:

- a. Using the NIS Coverage Plan as a guide, CIA in cooperation with NIS producing agencies prepares detailed annual schedules. After approval by the NIS Committee, these schedules are disseminated to producers, users, and collection activities.
- b. Under the authority of USIB the NIS Committee issues the NIS Standard Instructions as a comprehensive guide to users. These contain individual outlines of content for the NIS and provide prescriptions regarding format and editorial style which are periodically reviewed.
- c. As an adjunct to its responsibility of reviewing each General Survey the NIS Committee provides a forum for the exchange of individual agency views resulting from user responses. These views translated into any changes in scope or nature of General Survey treatment serve as a guide to all producers.

/s/

for
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Chairman
NIS Committee

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